MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : അവിടെ അധികംസ്ഥലം പതിച്ചുകൊടുക്കാതെ കിടപ്പില്ല. മുന്നോനാലോ ഏക്കർ സ്ഥലമേയുള്ളൂ.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI (*Nominated*) : സ്ഥലംപതിച്ചു വാങ്ങിക്കാനുള്ള അപേക്ഷകന്മാർ ഇല്ലാത്തതു കൊണ്ടാണോ അതിനെ പതിച്ചു കൊടുക്കാതിരിക്കുന്നതു?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : അതിനെപ്പറ്റിയുള്ള വിശദമായവിവരം അറിവില്ല.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI (*Nominated*) ; അപേക്ഷകരായി ആരെങ്കിലും ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ ആ സ്ഥലംപതിച്ചുകൊടുക്കാമോ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) പതിച്ചുകൊടുക്കുന്നതിനായി ഉദ്ദേശിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള സ്ഥലമാണു അതു്. അതുകൊണ്ടു പതിച്ചുകൊടുക്കുന്നതിൽ വിരോധമില്ല.

Alleppey-Shertala Canal.

63. ***MR. K. M. KRISHNAN** (*Ambalapuzha II*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the actual cost incurred by the Government regarding the Alleppey-Shertala canal---

(i) on account of compensation for the lands acquired ; and

(ii) on account of expense incurred for digging ;

(*b*) the length of the canal actually dug ;

(*c*) the length that actually remains to be dug ;

(*d*) the length of the canal that is navigable at present ; and

(*e*) whether they are aware that the cocoanut farms that are on either side of the present canal are ruined on account of the incomplete state of the canal ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : (*a*) (i) Rs. 1,20,463-24-3.

(ii) Rs. 4,32,340-0-13.

(*b*) 5 miles 3083 feet.

(*c*) 7 miles 4517 feet.

(*d*) 4 miles 763 feet.

(*e*) No.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*) : May I know in reference to parts (i) and (ii) of the answer whether, in consideration of the fact that a large amount has been spent already in connection with the work, that will be pushed through so that the general public may enjoy the fruits of it ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : There are different ideas as to the utility of this canal when it is completed. It has been the subject of discussion several times. Some people want it and some do not. The amount that is actually required is approximately Rs. 1,57,100.

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MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know whether the entire lands necessary for the canal have been acquired?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I believe they have.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know when those lands were acquired?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I claim notice.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know whether any returns have been received from that canal?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I have no information.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know from the Chief Engineer whether he has inspected the spot when a portion of the canal was finished last year?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Yes, in company with the honourable member asking the question.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know, when the Chief Engineer visited the site last year, whether he expressed his view publicly that, in view of the large amount spent towards the construction of the canal, further work deserves to be pushed through?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Yes, I did, but I may say this. There are others living in the same neighbourhood as the honourable member himself of the view that there is no use in opening the canal at all.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know whether any representations have been received from the citizens of Shertala that, in view of the great importanee of the canal, the people themselves are prepared to open the canal at half the cost of the Government estimate?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Yes. I am still waiting for written confirmation.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know whether that point has received the earnest attention of Government?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I am still waiting for a written proposition to submit to Government.

Crane and Platform at the Arukutty Chowkey.

64. ✻MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKAR (*Shertala II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is a crane and platform constructed at the Arukutty Chowkey;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, when it was constructed:

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